(c) and (d) While onboard segment and necessary software for GAGAN are indigenously developed, equipment for the ground segment is imported.

Monitoring of MPLADS

2031. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to make MPLADS more strict and effective, leaving little scope for any deviation;

(b) if so, whether Government have called for any meeting in this regard with various States;

(c) if so, the details of the discussions and the outcome thereof;

(d) whether Government have also launched electronic monitoring of MPLADS;

(e) if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether Government have distributed softwares to each State and district administration for the purpose; and

(g) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) MPLAD Scheme has been functioning very effectively. However, with a view to bring in more financial accountability, some changes for release of funds under MPLADS have been made. These include submission of Utilization Certificate for the previous financial year and the Audit Certificate for the funds released for each MP in the year prior to the previous year furnished by District Authority.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) A meeting of State Secretaries of Nodal Departments was held on 11.07.2005 and the implementation of the Scheme was reviewed. The subjects of discussion were on the following;

(i) Expeditious implementation of works under MPLADS and utilization of unspent balance lying with the District Authorities;

(ii) Submission of Utilization Certificates and Audit Certificates.

(iii) Data entry for the works for 2004-05 and 2005-06 by using the MPLADS works monitoring software developed by the Ministry.

(iv) Distribution of unspent balance of the former elected Rajya Sabha MPs among the successor Rajya Sabha MPs.

(v) Submission of Monthly Progress Report.

(vi) Action Taken Notes on the Comptroller and Auditor Generals' 2 Audit Reports.

(vii) Implementation of Tsunami rehabilitation works.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The details are available on this Ministry's Website. All the Nodal Districts have been requested to up-load the data relating to works taken up under MPLADS. These data will be accessible to all on the website www.mplads.nic.in.

(f) Yes, Sir.

(g) So far 196 districts have uploaded the data in respect of 419 Members of Parliament (MPs) (including former MPs).

MoU with Chinese Olympic Committee

2032. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Olympic Association and the Chinese Olympic Committee have signed a Memorandum of Understanding recently to boost the sporting relations;

(b) if so, the details of the areas identified for this purpose;

(c) whether Government have also any proposal to improve the ties with any other countries in regard to sports; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Olympic Assocation and